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County Executive Announces Business Initiative

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett announces the [Excellence in Business Services Initiative](#), which continues his efforts to make it easier for businesses to start, grow and thrive in Montgomery County.

Business vitality is critical to a healthy economy that supports the quality of life we all enjoy and Montgomery County is committed to ensuring that businesses have a positive experience when interacting with the County.

The initiative is comprised of three component projects:

Regulatory Reform

- Identify opportunities to simplify and streamline

Culture of Solutions

- Establish and sustain a culture of excellence in customer service

Montgomery County Business Portal

- Improve access to information and resources for businesses

Input from the business community is requested through the [online business survey](#). Feedback may also be provided directly to the project lead: Judy Stephenson, 240-777-2012 or judy.stephenson@montgomerycountymd.gov



Montgomery County is entering the early planning stages for a regional recreation facility in the north-central part of the county. The Department of Recreation thanks you for your interest and comments on plans for a new Clarksburg-area regional center featuring aquatic, community recreation and senior programs.

Please help us define the recreation and leisure needs of this community by completing a short survey. The survey should take less than five minutes to complete and will be available until August 25, 2016.

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5W5VR98>

Additional information regarding the project and notes from the July 12 community forum can be found on the Department of General Services' website: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DGS-BDC/UMC/451502.html>

*The African American Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery County
in partnership with
the Montgomery County Office of Procurement & the East County Regional Services Center
present an*

MBE/DBE/ACDBE/SBE CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, August 9 9:30am – 12:30pm
East County Regional Services Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring 20904**

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery County in partnership with the Montgomery County Office of Procurement and East County Regional Service Center invites you to attend the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) MBE/ DBE/ ACDBE/ SBE Certification Workshop. *Feel free to share with others.*

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Upcoming October 2016 Procurement Forum
- Montgomery County's Debriefing Process
- Montgomery County's Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP)
- Montgomery County New Minority Female and Disabled (MFD) Prism Reporting System:
- Improves The Office of Procurement's Ability to Track and Monitor Prime and Subcontractor Compliance Requirements
- Replaces The Paper Tracking System with The Electronic Tracking and Monitoring System

Opportunities also exist for small minority and women owned businesses to meet minority participation goals on government and private sector contracts. Learn about the MDOT Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE), Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) and the newly introduced race and gender neutral Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certification process. Also, learn how to register your business for the Minority Female and Disabled Program (MFD) and Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP) in Montgomery County. The guest speaker will be Michael Smith, Public Relations and Outreach Manager, Maryland Department of Transportation, Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

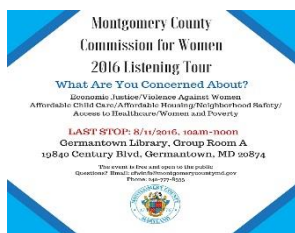
The workshop is free but pre-registration is required, [click here](#).

If you have questions, please contact Janice Freeman, President/CEO, African American Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery County, (o) 301-428-9715 or (f) 301-428-3770.

Last Stop!

Montgomery County Commission for Women's 2016 Listening Tour

**Thursday, August 11 10:00am-12:00n
Germantown Library, Group Room A
19840 Century Blvd., Germantown**



The Montgomery County Commission for Women has scheduled the last session on its listening tour. County residents are invited to attend and participate in discussions regarding issues important to them.

Topics raised during the listening session will help shape and influence the work of the Commission for Women. Earlier listening sessions were held in four locations across the County.

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair: August 12 - 20

August 12 - 20, 2016. \$10, Children 11 & under are FREE (Free same day re-admission, get your hand stamped at the gate before departing). Visit www.mcagfair.com for more information.

Montgomery Charter Review Commission Invites Public to Join Discussion of Term Limits Proposal Wednesday, August 24 8:00am County Council Office Building, 5th floor conference room 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

Public invited to comment and attend meeting in Rockville that will address November ballot question to limit Councilmembers and County Executive to three terms

The Montgomery County Charter Review Commission (CRC) at its next meeting will discuss the proposed Charter amendment to limit County Councilmembers and the County Executive to three consecutive terms. The County Council asked the CRC to consider the merits of the proposed amendment, and on Aug. 2 adopted a resolution placing it on the November ballot, where voters will be asked to approve or disapprove it.

All meetings of the CRC are open to the public and residents are invited to make comments on the business of the CRC at the start of each meeting. Comments supporting or opposing the term limits proposal can be made at the Aug. 24 meeting or via e-mail.

Residents who plan to attend the meeting and who wish to speak are asked to inform the CRC in advance via e-mail. See further details about the meeting at

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16264



Annual Farm to Table Dinner Saturday, September 17 4:00pm-9:30pm Maryland Meadows Farm 26809 Purdum Road, Damascus (Handicap Entrance use 26633 Purdum Road)

Ticket sales are limited! For details, email mcfarmbureausecretary@gmail.com or visit http://montgomery.mdfarmbureau.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2013/06/FarmToTable2016_MontgomeryWebPage.pdf

Celebrate local foods with your Montgomery County Farm Bureau!

Montgomery County Honored for Initiatives that Strengthen Communities and Improve Services to Citizens

Center for Digital Government survey recognizes most innovative digital counties of 2016.

The Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) announced the winners of the 14th annual Digital Counties Survey. Montgomery County tied for second place in the nation with Fairfax County among jurisdictions with populations exceeding 500,000 people. Montgomery is the only County to be ranked in the Top 10 by CDG and NACo in each of the past 14 years.

See more details at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16256

For the full list of winners, click [here](#).

So . . . What did you do this summer?



Area youths harvested produce raised on a local farm as part of a Police Explorer project. The food will be offered to residents in a local neighborhood in conjunction with one of our Upcounty congregations.



Others participated in the County's Recreation Department's Health & Wellness Program at Summer Fun Centers around the county. There were 2,800 children at 26 sites who received over 6 hours of nutrition and fitness education this summer. See, they really do eat salads made with spinach, strawberries, pumpkin seeds, cheese and balsamic vinegar!

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.aspx?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.aspx?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>